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Dear John:

Villamin

Thanks much for sending the E. coli cultures, which arrived in good order and with no difficulty here. The Department of Agriculture can get nasty about importing plant-pathogens and animal viruses, but the Health Service is much more reasonable about cultures of human origin, and we've never had any trouble with receiving shipments unless they misled an inspector with a false clue to possible connection with farm animal diseases, or the like.

Winns Unfortunately, we are no just off to Australia for 3 mos. and I won't be able to do anything with them at the instant. We'll get back to them on our return- by then, perhaps, the Ciba Symp. will have come out; if not, I may be back to you again for some technical details.

With best regarded,

Sincerely,